



## Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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United States Department of Education  
ATTN: Rex Shipp, Mail Stop 2600  
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Landover, MD 20785-1506

Dear Mr. Shipp,

Find enclosed the Missouri application for Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). According to instructions included in a memorandum from Troy R. Justesen dated December 29, 2005, we are sending these original documents to demonstrate state eligibility for funds under Part C of the IDEA. In addition, as of the above date, we have submitted the application electronically to the following e-mail address: [OSERS.capp@ed.gov](mailto:OSERS.capp@ed.gov) and faxed the original signature pages from Dr. D. Kent King, Commissioner of Education to (202) 245-7614.

Missouri's Part C application, consistent with federal requirements, was posted from February 7, 2006 to April 7, 2006 (60 days prior to date of submission) and during that period, public comments were accepted for a period of at least 30 days (February 7 through March 15, 2006). Notification of the availability of the application was made through a listserv to the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC), First Steps providers, Service Coordinators, public and private agency personnel, System Points of Entry (SPOEs), and families. During the public comment period, the Department received one comment. The comment received and the Department's response is summarized below:

**Comment:** The commenter expressed concern that in Section III. A. Description of Use of Part C Funds for the Lead Agency: The application as posted states "NA" as the Number of positions, and is blank in the cell that asks for the % of time spent on Part C. Commenter felt this was misleading, in that it appeared that there were no Lead Agency staff assigned to Part C.

**Response:** The Division has added a comment to Section III. A. Description of Use of Part C Funds for the Lead Agency as follows: "Department staff responsible for the oversight of IDEA programs are funded with Part B, IDEA funds."

Missouri is submitting new policies for Family Cost Participation and Insurance (Section II, Item 3, page II-6). These policies are available on the Division website at <http://dese.mo.gov/divspeced/stateplan/PartC-current.pdf>. (Section XII, page 43) Four public hearings were conducted throughout the state during September 2005 and comments were received until October 2005. These policies were adopted by the State Board of Education and formally approved by the Secretary of State on January 16, 2006.

We are not including a copy of the certification for Lobbying as it was submitted with the 2005 application. If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact me (573-751-4444 or [melodie.friedebach@dese.mo.gov](mailto:melodie.friedebach@dese.mo.gov)) or Pam Williams (573-751-2965 or [pam.williams@dese.mo.gov](mailto:pam.williams@dese.mo.gov)).

Sincerely,

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Division of Special Education

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